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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith information which they believe may be material to examination of this Application, in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner, after considering the information set forth below, independently determine those citations which the Examiner would consider to be the most pertinent.

Copies of the following citations are submitted along with PTO Form-1449.

Kramer, U.S. Patent No. 6,286,099, dated September 4, 2001: relates to determining point of interaction device security properties and ensuring secure transactions in an open networking environment.

Geer, Jr. et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,212,634, issued April 3, 2001: is directed to certifying authorization in computer networks.

Perlman et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,173,400, issued January 9, 2001: discloses methods and systems for establishing a shared secret using an authentication token.

Saito, U.S. Patent No. 6,115,735, issued September 5, 2000: concerns a message guaranty system.

Fielder et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,995,624, issued November 30, 1999: concerns a bilateral authentication and information encryption token system and method.

It is requested that the above be made of record in this Application. Please charge any additional fees that may be required to our firm Deposit Account No. 50-0518.

Respectfully submitted,

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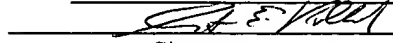


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